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~~SECRET SPOKE~~ ISHTAR FINAL SECTION OF FIVE MAC 02764 INTEL SSO PARIS-PASS TO MACV J2 REP; AFSSO USAF PASS TO AF/INZA MACJ 232 SENDS (C) ON 30 MAR, AT 1230 HOURS, A US OH6A HELICOPTER (MISSION UNKNOWN) RECEIVED AN UNJ TYPE AA FIRE 15 KM NNW OF PLEI MRONG (ZA 040 800) AND CRASHED. 1 RF CO WAS INITIALLY INSERTED AT THE CRASH SITE AND BECAME HEAVILY ENG. A SECOND RF CO WAS INSERTED AFD ALSO BECAME HEAVILY ENG NECESSITATING THE INSERTION OF 1 RANGER BN. VNAF AND US HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS WERE IN SUPPORT. RESULTS, FRD, 3 KIA (1 US), 11 WIA, 2 MIA (1 US PILOT); EN, 20 KIA AND 35 KILLED BY HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS. EN FORCES INVOLVED MAY HAVE BEEN ELMS OF THE 66TH NVA REGT, B-3 FRONTIWHO HAVE TRADITIONALLY OPERATED IN THIS AREA. ~~GP-4~~ C. MR 3, ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ (C) IN MR 3 DURING THE NIGHT OF 30-31 MAR, THERE WERE NO ABFS AND NO ROUND ATKS REPORTED AS OF 0600 HRS. ~~GP-4~~ (C) AT 2140 HRS ON 29 MAR, RF ELMS 8 KM EAST OF TAY NINH CITY (XT 349 453) AMBUSHED AN EST VC PLT. SA/AV FIRE WAS EXCHANGED. RESULTS, FRD, 5 KIA, 4 WIA, 4 M-16'S AND 1 PRCS25 RADIO MISSING; EN, 4 KIA, 1 X .45 CAL PISTOL CAPTURED. THE EN UNIT INVOLVED MAY HAVE BEEN AN ELM OF THESDONG MINH CHAU DIST LF UNIT, VC TAY NINH PROV. ~~GP-4~~ ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 9, 30 MAR, THESHQ, 33RD NVA REGT BA RIA ER (M 015) WAS FIXED BY ARDF IN SOUTH CENTRAL LONG KHANH PROV (YT 69 152; 250M), APPROX 14 KM WNW OF ITS 24 MAR LOCATION, 5 KM WEST OF BA 305 (YT 69 108; 900M). THIS RELOCATION PROVIDES FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THE REGT MAY CURRENTLY BE SHIFTING ITS AO INTO THE LA NGA RIVER REGION OF CENTRAL LOG KHANH PROV AND MAY ALSO INDICATE THAT THE REGT IS ATTEMPTING TO RETURN TO ITS MID-1971 BASE AREA IN ORDER TO AVOID CONTACT AND REFIT, RESUPPLY, AND RETRAIN PRIOR TO ANY FURTHER TACTICAL ACTIVITY. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ ANALYSIS OF SIGINT (NSA 29 MAR 72) HAS IDENTIFIED A PREVIOUSLY U/I SR ECHELON UNIT (B 5225) AS A TERMINAL SERVING THE HQ, VC SR 6 (M 1330). ON 30 MAR, THE HQ WAS FIXED BY ARDF IN CENTRAL PREY VENG PROV, CAMBODIA (WT 653 814; 250M), APPROX 20 KM EAST OF ITS 20 MAR LOCATION, 12 KM NORTH OF PREY VENG CITZ (WT 360 823; 150M). THESE CURRENT ARDF FIXES (20 AND 30 MAR), WHICH WERE BASED UPON THE TERMINAL'S REIDENTIFICATION, MARK THE 1ST TIME ZHE HQ, VC SR6 HAS BEEN FIXED SINCE 2 FEB 1971 (WT 613 824; 250M). D. MR 4, (C) (C) IN MR 4 DURING THE NIGHT OF 30-31 MAR, THERE WERE 2 ABFS BOTH OF WHICH CONSISTED OF LESS THAN 20 RDS, AND NO GROUND ATKS REPORTED AS OF 0600 HRS. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT EN INITIATED ACTIVITY REPORTED. MAJOR EN UNIT DISPOSITIONS REMAIN GENERALLY UNCHANGED. ~~GP-4~~ 550 0009 NNNN

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